Prospect Mine Pre-CERCLIS Screening Trip Report Whatcom County, Washington TDD: 03-01-0002

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Region 10

START-2

Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team

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TRIP REPORT

DATE: September 16, 2004

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SUBJ: Prospect Mine Pre-CERCLIS Screening

REF: Contract No. 68-S0-01-01, Technical Direction Document No. 03-01-0002

Place Visited:

Site Name: Prospect Mine

CERCLIS ID No.: Not applicable

Location: Whatcom County, Washington

Latitude: Not known
Longitude: Not known

Legal Description: Section 25, Township 38 North, Range 3 East,

Willamette Meridian

Congressional District: Washington
Site Owner: Not known
Site Contact: Not known

Purpose of Trip:

Site reconnaissance visit for pre-Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Information System (CERCLIS) screening.

Persons Responding:

Mark Longtine, Ecology and Environment, Inc., Seattle, Washington. Joanne LaBaw, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Seattle, Washington Deborah Neal, EPA, Seattle, Washington

Persons Contacted:

Property owners in the general vicinity of former prospect were contacted.

Site Owners:

The location of the site was not determined; therefore, site owners were not identified.

Date of Trip:

May 15, 2003

BACKGROUND

A pre-CERCLIS screening was performed at the Prospect Mine, located in Whatcom County, Washington. The EPA is conducting preliminary assessments (PAs) and pre-CERCLIS screenings at several coal mines in the Bellingham/Lake Whatcom area, Washington. The purpose of the PAs and pre-CERCLIS screenings is to determine whether the mines pose a threat to public health or the environment, and to determine whether environmental cleanup is needed. The EPA is conducting the PAs and pre-CERCLIS screenings in response to a citizens' petition filed by two environmental groups in Bellingham, the Environmental Exposure Network and the Clean Water Alliance. These groups contend the mines may contain pollutants, such as mercury and heavy metals.

SITE DESCRIPTION/OWNERSHIP HISTORY

The environmental groups that requested the pre-CERCLIS screening indicated the presence of an abandoned coal mine referred to as the "Prospect Mine" located directly on Lake Whatcom. The approximate location of the Prospect Mine is illustrated in Figure 1. No information on a "Prospect Mine" anywhere in the Bellingham/Lake Whatcom area has been located. The most likely reason for this is that no coal mine of that name ever existed in the Bellingham/Lake Whatcom area. However, coal prospecting has been reported at several areas around Lake Whatcom, including several locations along the lake shore. The most complete information on coal mining and prospecting in the general area is provided by Olaf Jenkins, who prepared the *Geological Investigation of the Coal Fields of Western Whatcom County, Washington* (Jenkins 1923) for the State of Washington Department of Conservation and Development, Division of Geology. Jenkins (1923) reports that "there are said to be a number of coal prospects in the region of Woodlawn." Woodlawn was located in the northeast ¼ of Section 25, Township 38 North, Range 3 East (USGS 1908). The present name of Woodlawn is Agate Bay (USGS 1994). Jenkins (1923) reports that the prospects "have evidently been abandoned and are now obliterated by a thick growth of vegetation." No other information on the prospects has been located during the pre-CERCLIS screening.

Available historical documents do not indicate who owned the property on which the prospecting occurred. Despite considerable effort, the physical location of the prospect could not be determined (see

the "START-2 ACTIONS" section below). For these reasons, the ownership history of the property on which the mining/prospecting occurred could not be determined.

SITE OPERATIONS AND WASTE CHARACTERISTICS

No information on the operations at Prospect Mine is available. Based on review of all available information, mining activity was likely limited to prospecting. Based upon Jenkins' (1923) observations, it is likely that the prospecting ceased well prior to 1922, and that the prospect workings were small in size.

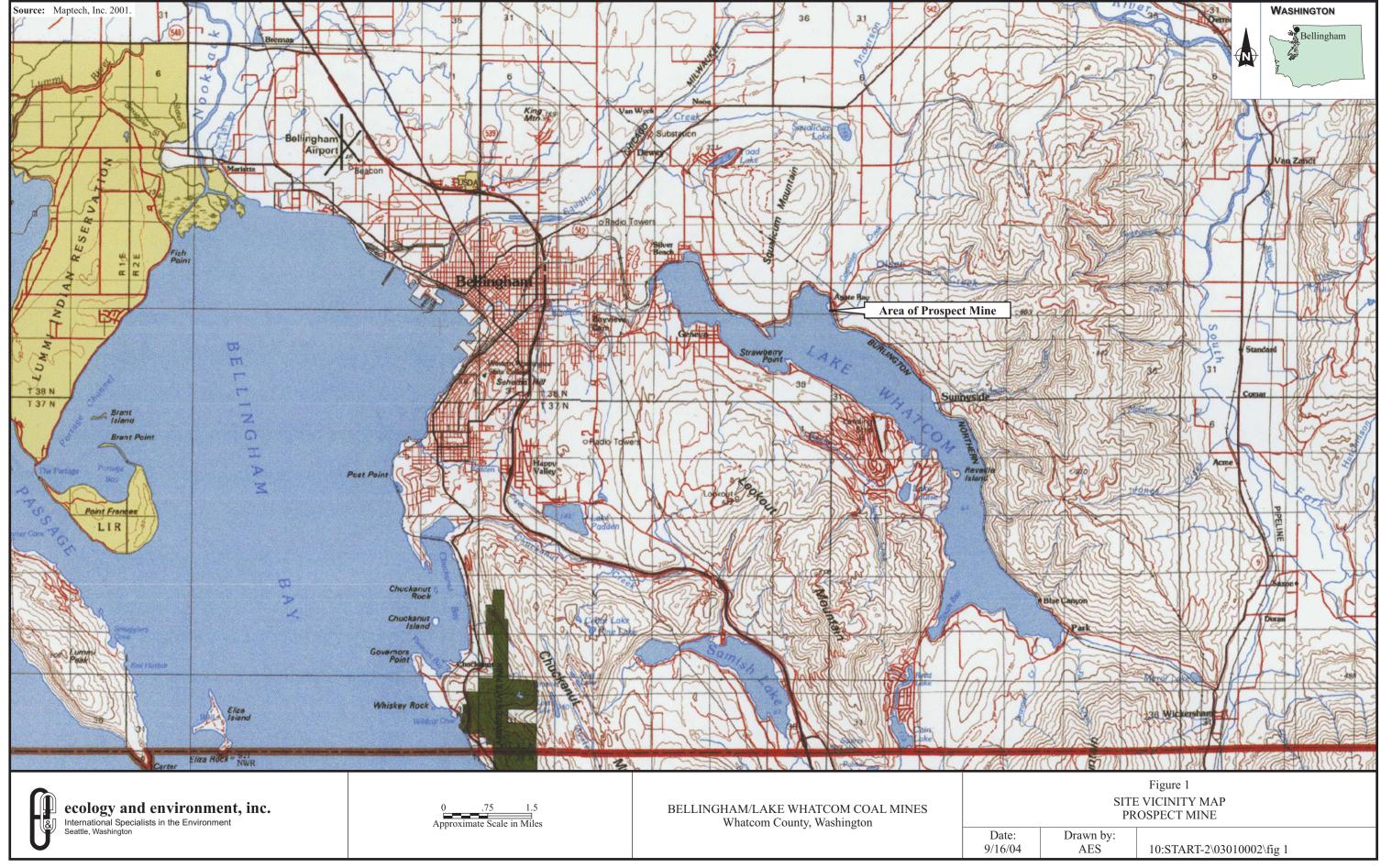
START-2 ACTIONS

To obtain information about coal mining in the Bellingham/Lake Whatcom area, including the suspected area of the Prospect Mine, START-2 reviewed numerous reports, maps, and other documents. In addition, START-2 conducted interviews with representatives of federal, state, and local agencies; representatives of academic institutions; and owners or representatives of properties in the vicinity of the former coal mining activities. A list of these data sources for the Bellingham/Lake Whatcom Coal Mines PA/pre-CERCLIS screening project is provided in Appendix A.

Little documentation or other information regarding the Prospect Mine was obtained as a result of the information gathering efforts. All pertinent information gathered has been incorporated into this trip report, and was used to guide efforts to physically locate the mine(s)/prospect(s) during site reconnaissance visits performed by the START-2. On May 15, 2003, the START-2 and representatives from EPA visited the area in the suspected vicinity of the Prospect Mine. The area was observed to be developed for residential use. No evidence of coal mining was noted.

CONCLUSIONS

Available historical information indicates that coal mining activities were limited to prospecting. No evidence of coal mining activities were noted during the May 15, 2003, site visit. No sources or evidence of contamination of any kind (e.g., stained soil, distressed vegetation) were observed during the site visit.



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